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Title: USE OF VARIABLE RATIO COUPLERS FOR NETWORK PROTECTION AND RECOVERY		

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir,

In response to the Office action mailed on December 20, 2006, having a shortened statutory period of response set to expire March 20, 2007, a request for a three month extension of time up to June 20, 2007 being submitted herewith, please amend the above application as follows: